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SUBJECT: MALAGASY PRESS ON MID EAST; CARTER

1. LEADING INDEPENDENT DAILY "MADAGASCAR MATIN"
AND GDRM NEWS BULLETIN CONTINUED THEIR EXTENSIVE
COVERAGE OF MIDDLE EAST IN THEIR EDITIONS OF JAN-
UARY 5. RELYING ON REUTER AND AFP, THE JOURNALS
REPORTED SAUDI PRINCE FAISAL'S STATEMENT THAT U.S.
AAND SAUDI ARABIA HAD DIFFERENT OPINIONS ON HOW TO
RESOLVE MID EAST PROBLEM. ALSO REPORTED HIS CONTENTION
THAT ROLES OF TWO COUNTRIES DIFFERED: THE U.S. WAS
INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN TWO SIDES WHILE SAUDIS BELONGED
TO ONE OF SIDES.

2. BOTH JOURNALS ALSO PUBLISHED SADAT DECLARATION,
FOLLOWING ASSOUAN MEETING WITH CARTER, THAT THEY
WERE AGREED ON CERTAIN MATTERS CONCERNING MID EAST
PEACE EFFORTS. GROMYKO'S COMMENT AT LUNCHEON IN HONOR
OF POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER THAT MID EAST SITUATION
HAD BEEN RENDERED MORE COMPLICATED BY "ATTEMPTS AT
A SEPARATE AND ANTI-ARAB UNDERSTANDING WITH ISRAEL"
WERE CITED IN RELATED STORIES IN BOTH JOURNALS.
"MADAGASCAR MATIN"'S REPORT INCLUDED GROMYKO'S
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DESCRIPTION OF NEUTRON BOMB AS "BARBARIC". BOTH
PUBLICATIONS ALSO REPORTED NEGATIVE REACTIONS
OF PLO AND "REJECTIONIST" ARAB STATES TO ASSOUAN
MEETING.

3. "MADAGASCAR MATIN" AND THE GDRM BULLETIN
REPORTED SPEECHES OF CARTER AND GISCARD ON PRESIDENT'S

ARRIVAL IN FRANCE. "MADAGASCAR MATIN" PUBLISHED
REUTER DISPATCH ON DRAMATIC FALL OF THE DOLLAR ON
GERMAN AND JAPANESE MARKETS. MCCOO

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